

Highlights of the Week

Welcome back Mulberry families, hope you had a wonderful spring break!

Exploring the world of dinosaurs opens up the creative minds of our little ones. There's just something about children and dinosaurs. In addition to being a fascinating topic of study, a look at dinosaurs serves as a vehicle for learning a variety of skills and concepts.

First and foremost, the study of dinosaurs fosters curiosity and a thirst for learning. Children can't help but leap into a pattern of scientific inquiry when they look at these monstrous creatures! You can easily explore several life science themes (needs of living things, meat eaters vs plant eaters, theories of extinction) as well as earth science themes (volcanoes, climate changes, etc.) Dinosaur study is also a great time to incorporate the math concepts of measurement and scale. Vocabulary explodes as the children need new words for "big" to describe these guys! Children begin to use words like "huge", "enormous", and "gigantic". They may also need words like "extinct", "paleontologist", "ferocious", and "fossilized". Additionally, you will be amazed with the capacity some children have for learning and remembering dinosaur names.

In practical life Mulberry friends are enjoying Ironing clothes and cooking on pan with spatula their grilled cheese sandwich. (Don't worry none of them get hot!)

Scales are a terrific addition to a math or science areas. Scales allow opportunity for young children to compare, predict, count, and measure. In Math they are having their hands on balancing scales for addition and in science, finding objects which one is heavy or heavier compare to light or lighter. It is very easy to grasp various number concepts because they can see the results! Display number relationships of equal to (=), greater than (>), or less than (<), basic operation skills and more with this self-checking balance.

Happy 6th walk around the Sun, Elliana!

Dr. Maria Montessori's Words:



"The child more than anyone else, is a spontaneous observer of nature."

Reminders:

- Tea with Mom **May 11th** at 8:45am to 9:30AM or 10:00AM to 10:45AM
- Detroit Zoo Field Trip **May 25th** **No regular school** on this day the whole school will be at the Zoo.
- Memorial Day **May 28th** **No School**
- May Day Mixer **May 29th**
- Music Program/Graduation **June 1st** **No PM Kids Club**

Home/School Connection

This week we had a fun and educational visit by the Exotic Zoo. Children had enjoyed and learned some new facts.

Word of Encouragement:

Children should be encouraged when they do not expect it, When they are not asking for it. It is impossible to point out some useful act or contribution in each child. Even the comment about something small and insignificant to us, may have a great importance to a child.